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(C) On September 10, emboff delivered reftel demarche to Smiljana Knez, Minister Plenipotentiary in the Slovenian MFA's International Organization and Human Security Division, to encourage Slovenian support for human rights resolutions during the upcoming UNGA Third Committee session. Knez was on board with two of our four requests. She said that Slovenia would oppose "no-action" motions and support the country-specific resolutions on Iran, Burma, and DPRK. She indicated, however, that Zimbabwe and the issue of prisoners of conscience were both more complicated and that Slovenia therefore needed more time to develop its position. She said she could not provide an immediate response, but undertook to get back with us on September 16. We will report any further response.

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